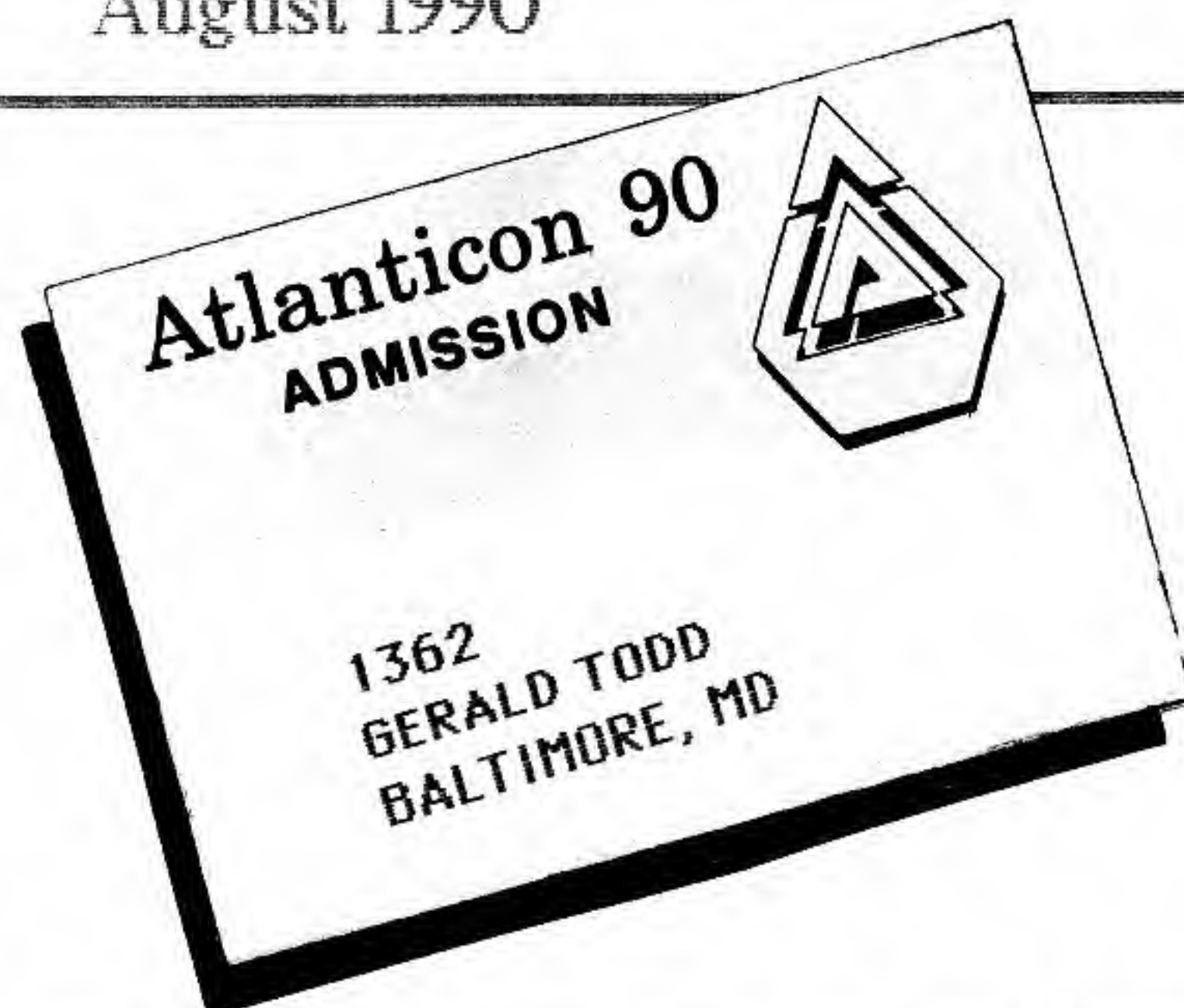


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If you like to play games then you would have enjoyed Atlanticon, from Aquire to the Zulu wars in miniature, it was being played in downtown Baltimore. Yours-truly signed up for the Diplomacy tournament - of course, and was chewed up and spit out as England in Saturday's gaming. I did manage to survive until time was called with two centers, albeit not my home centers. Survival did allow me to play in Sunday's round. In the second round I drew Austria-Hungary and immediately set up an alliance with the Italian player, a-la "Abe". Let me just say that an Austro-Italian alliance can be great fun unless the French are dead set against fighting the Italians from the start. With his forces tied-up in Turkey the Italian was doomed and the game eventually turned into a two alliance war between France/England and Austria/Russia. When time was called it had wound down to a French/English/Austrian tie.

It was my understanding that there was no one winner in any Diplomacy game that weekend, but there were a lot of 2-way and 3-way ties.

At the con I did get to meet a few folks. In the second game the English player was our own David Burgess. In that same game, as Turkey, was Mr. Thomas Kille [pronounced kil-ee] who is the Trib's latest subscriber. I also met Mr. Thomas Hannah who publishes a single-game newsletter called *The Globe*, which you'll hear more of later. Another publisher I met was Fred Davis. We exchanged a short greeting and Fred scurried off to look at some naval miniatures, another of his loves.

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Filler II

A while back the Trib ran an article concerning some comments made about it's lack of "filler" or entertaining reading material. I won't fill the Trib with non-Diplomacy related fluff just to make it thicker. There are already many zines that print a wide variety of non-Diplomacy material and do it better than I could. The trouble is, what do you fill the space with? There are several possibilities.

Some zines print letters from readers. That's usually quite entertaining, but seldom has much to do with Diplomacy, in fact Classical music and Pro-Wrestling seem to be all the rage right now. Another possibility is printing reader submitted articles. I've yet to see one, but I'll print it when I get it. [I did get a very interesting article from one reader, but it has nothing to do with the game or the setting of the game, oh well.] Besides, how many Diplomacy articles should a publisher expect from a 30 person subscriber list? There doesn't seem to be much to choose from in the way of filler if you're looking to keep it confined to Diplomacy, so what is there?

Press. That's right, Press.

Tom Hannah publishes a newsletter called *The Globe*. *The Globe* reports on the single game running between some people that all knew each other before the zine. *The Globe* consist of about 80% press, most of it quite humorous too. The rest is made up of the game report, GM's comments, drawings, photos and tidbits. A very interesting zine, and entertaining, for instance, one bit talks about the Italian player being connected with the death of the King of Italy citing a check drawn on an American bank for \$1,526,124.00 payable to Lucretia Bourgia as evidence, and a photo-copy of the check is shown.

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Deadline
all games
August 31st, 1990

Atlanticon 90 continued

I saw that Brad Wilson was at the convention
I didn't get to meet him, maybe next time.

The Diplomacy tournament was GMed by Robert Sacks. I can think of no complaints about how the games were managed as nothing happened to put Mr. Sacks to the test. I would really like to have seen him play to find out if his play matched his fashion sense; he wore a striped pattern shirt, striped pants & a plaid jacket, all in shades of light blue, would you trust such a person in a Diplomacy game?

Unfortunately I didn't get to look around much or play anything else besides Diplomacy, but I did buy some games at the auction, visited the dealer booths, and peeked in at some of the near-by games being played. I'm not sure if I'll sign up for Diplomacy next time, maybe I'll just get into some open gaming, but whatever, I'm looking forward to the next one. ▀

Game Openings

Donna

Gunboat w/Press
need 4 players

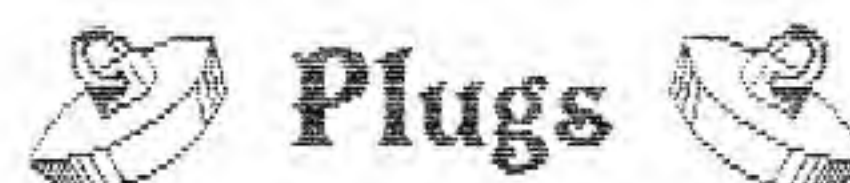
Ed

Perestroika III
need 5 players

Filler continued

On the facing page is a word-search puzzle containing all the names the Italian player has been called to date. No where can be found the "X to X" style of press, that read like personal ads, so common now.

Game press is short, you don't have to think up pages of stuff to write. Press is related to the game the player is in, and lets non-players peek at what's happening beyond the moves. Some of the most humorous reading in any Dip-zine is the game press. So be witty, be charming, be crude, but write! and have fun. ▀



Perestroika

Lawrence Cronin
5855 North Kolb #6207
Tucson, AZ 85715

The Swiss Observer

John Armstrong
711 W. Main Street
Apt. U
Louisville, KY 40202

The Boob Report

Jim Burgess
100 Holden Street
Providence, RI 02908-5731

Been There Done That

Tom Nash
202 Settler's Road
St. Simmons Island, GA 31522

Vertigo

Brad Wilson
P.O. Box 126
Wayne, PA 19087-0126

Dipadeedoodah!

Phil Reynolds
2896 Oak Street
Sarasota, FL 34237

The Globe

Tom Hannah
204 Pine Run
Blackwood, NJ 08012

[Tom is interested in expanding his zine into a second game, and will send a sample of his interesting publication upon request.]

John Armstrong
'Barb' Germany
'Carl' Turkey
Publisher 'Swiss Observer'



Terry Lachik
'Abe' England

Spring 1905 Moves

 Moves

England (Lachik): F Nao-Mid, F Nth-S F Iri-Eng, F Iri-Eng, A Lvp-Wal
Germany (Armstrong): F Den-Bal, A Hol-Ruh, A Kie-S A Mun, A Mun-Hold,
 A Ber-S A Mun
Russia (Green): F Swe-Ska, A Pru-S A Ukr-War, A Mos-S A Ukr-War,
 A Ukr-War
Austria (Diehl): A Sev-Mos, A Rum-Ukr, A Boh-Sil, A Sil-War,
 A Gal-S A Rum-Ukr, A Tyl-S A Vie-Boh, A Vie-Boh,
 F Bul(sc)-Hold
Italy (Santella): F Spa(sc)-Mao, F Gol-S A Mar, F Tun-Wme,
 F Nap-Tys, A Rom-Tus, A Ven-Pie, A Smy-Con,
 A Mar-Hold, A Ank-Arm
France (Sweeney): F Bre-Gas, F Mao-Por, A Gas-Mar, A Bur-S A Gas-Mar

 Board Status

England: F Nao, F Nth, F Eng, A Wal
Germany: F Bal, A Mun, A Ber, A Kie, A Ruh
Russia: F Ska, A Mos, A War
Austria: F Bul(sc), A Tyl, A Boh, A Gal, A Vie, A Sil, A Ukr, A Sev
Italy: F Tys, F Wme, F Gol, F Spa(sc), A Mar, A Pie, A Tus, A Con,
 A Arm
France: F Por, F Bre, A Bur, A Gas

 Press

Ber-Par: You still haven't given me an explanation as to why you NMRed
 out of Global Dip in the Observer, I also note you haven't done much
 begging for mercy, maybe Abe & Barb will teach you to do better
 business in the future.

Ber-Lon: Russia is sending help.

Ber-Vie: Go away pest! You're not getting anything from me!

Due Next: Fall 1905 Moves

Spring 1904 Moves

Moves

England (Sweeney): F Ech-Iri, F Nth-S F Nwg, F Nwg-S Nth
Germany (Diehl): F Ska-S F Den-Nth, F Den-Nth, F Hel-S F Den-Nth,
 A Hol-S (F) A Pic-Bel
Russia (Renner): F Nwy-S (G) F Den-Nth, A Stp-S A Mos, A Liv-S A Mos,
 A Mos-S A Liv
Turkey (Schultz): F Rum-Sev, F Eme-Ion, F Ion-Tys, F Smy-Aeg,
 A Sev-Ukr, A Ukr-War
Austria (Wiess): F Gre-Alb, A Vie-Boh, A Tri-Tyl, A Ser-Tri,
 A Gal-Sil, A War-Pru
Italy (Kirk): F Adr-Apu, F Nap-Tys, A Ven-Hold, A Tun-Naf
France (Ried): F Bre-Mao, F Mao-Iri, A Par-Bre, A Bur-Ruh,
 A Bel-S A Bur-Ruh, A Pic-S A Bel, A Mun-S A Bur-Ruh

Board Status

England: F Eng, F Nwg, F Lon
Germany: F Nth, F Ska, F Hel, A Hol
Russia: F Nwy, A Mos, A Liv, A Stp
Turkey: F Aeg, F Eme, F Ion, F Sev, A Ukr, A War
Austria: F Alb, A Tri, A Tyl, A Boh, A Sil, A Pru
Italy: F Nap, F Apu, A Ven, A Naf
France: F Bre, F Mao, A Par, A Bel, A Ruh, A Mun, A Pic

Press

Par-Lon: Since you have refused to respond to my inquiries about your fleet in the English channel, I have no choice but to side with German against you. I have had enough of your crazy schemes and silence.

High Seas Fleet-North Sea Grand Fleet: If at first we did not succeed, we tried, tried again.

Den-Lon: Good-bye Denmark, hello London!

Ska-Nth: Certainly you didn't pick on poor defenseless Nwy did you?

Tur-Fra: Let's see, England puts a fleet in the channel and backs off Russia. What could that mean? Are the Germans speaking French yet, by-the-way?

Bud-Par: Hello there, glad to see some 'lite' in those German beer halls, care to dance?

Par-Ber: Please write me so we can jointly destroy the English Lion. Thank you for ceding Munich to me.

Tur-Ger: I understand your motives but not your actions. Very strange. Sorta reminds me of another Germany in Charlie Grimm.

Tur-Ita: Sorry, but recent negotiations with Russia and a standing agreement with Austria leaves little choice in the matter.

Par-Ven: Have no fear! Our alliance stands inviolate! Would you like me to support you into Tyl next turn?

Bud-Rom: If you guessed right, congratulations. Where will the Big Wheel land next Vanna White (German)?

Par-Mos: Would you like Edi? Please write me so we can establish dialog against the Brit.

Emperor-Czar: Please hum a few bars of that song you inquired about "Catch a falling Kaiser and put him in your (I Can't use that word here, my Czar), and save him."

Tur-Rus: Salute! Good job getting everyone off your back. I didn't expect the England disbandment.

Press continued

Tur-Aus: It would appear the falling Tsar caught himself and avoided the pocket. You gotta give him credit.

The Anonymous Mucksucker: England and Germany have made a secret deal to destroy the Froggy Frenchmen since Paris has been stupid enough to attack both at once.

Due Next: Fall 1905 Moves

Press continued

Fra-Ita & Aus: You're not friends and you're not lovers; you're not allies and you're not enemies. Just who do you think you are? DO SOMETHING!

Col Klink-Everyone: I do not see why it matters, but Bernie, I'm not Jim, I'm Jim's baby brother. For those who don't know, Jim "Jim-Bob" Burgess publishes The Boob Report. A couple of 'Carl' players are playing there too (Jonas & Bernie). To verify that a David Burgess exists, just ask our friendly GM. Jerry and I had the pleasure of playing a F-T-F game at Atlanticon. We were 2 of the 3 in a 3-way draw, (I was England, he was Austria).

Due Next: Fall 1902 Moves

